

7/21/09

Stephanie Strength
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Engineering and Environmental Staff
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Re: CapX2020

Dear Stephanie Strength,


We wish to state our strong opposition to the proposed CapX2020 transmission lines proposed on 50th Street West in Webster, Minnesota. This line will run near our property. During these times of economical stress and loss of jobs, our families have needed to move in together to share expenses and are still trying to save our home from forecloser. The installation of this line would not only devalue our property but make us not want to live near it. Our family has enough health issues with out adding more. With the devaluation of our property after the addition of the line we feel we will not be able to sell it. We feel like we have been trapped by the proposal of this line. We are also frustrated that with the new proposed alternate route for this line, we were informed by concerned neighbors and not by the agents putting this line through. We ask that you reconsider this matter during these times of economical stress, and realize the land devaluation is a huge issue for those involved.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter, we ask that you find an alternate route that will have less impact on our property at 4925 Elmore Ave. Webster, MN.

Sincerely,



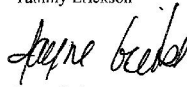
Benjamin Erickson



Tammy Erickson



Timothy Geibe



Jayne Geibe

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Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.